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*Standard disclaimer

*Answer to last week's mystery, 'HDL' on 15545, 1900-2000: stands for Hirondelle Foundation, which set up R. Minurca in Central African Republic, but now it's Radio Ndeke Luka on FM, with a broadcast via Merlin UK, from Sept 24, in French and Sango; Our recording at 1902 UT October 1, ID in French, news theme; see <http://www.hirondelle.org>

*R. Rhino International Africa, finally audible here, Sept 30 at 1500-1530, recording during excellent conditions. Asks for E-mail, phone calls with listener opinions to be broadcast on weekends; favours former Pres. Milton Obote. See <http://www.radiorhino.org>

*More clandestine is V. of Sudan, from Eritrea, 7999.3 at 1542 in Arabic, Sawt al-Shaab al-Sudan

R. Ethiopia has split frequency, 11802.5, heard in Illinois and Finland at 1400-1457

*Salama Radio, for Nigeria, used to be on SW a couple years ago; Nick Batchelor updates info in DXLD of July 14, 2001. Still headed by Dr. Jacob Abdalla, with same aims. August 2002 moved to Jos, Nigeria, on FM only

*High frequency conditions improving with autumn, such as UAE Radio, Dubai, again audible here in English at 1330-1348 on 21605, with 4 minutes of news and weather, Islamic feature

*US MW transmitters in Kuwait no longer carrying Iraqi programming, but music fill instead, seems from a 105 FM station, on 1575, and 1584; surely the CIA could come up with a better use for these

*R. Amani, from Russia to Afghanistan, heard Fridays only 1632-1730 [WTFK? 15615!], ending with a bit in Russian

*Voice of Indonesia added Korean service at 1200-1300 on 9525; new October schedule shows one English broadcast moved, from 0100 to 0200-0300 on 9525, 11785; also 0800 on 9525, 2000 on 15150; but all could be on any of these frequencies

*Richard Alston quits as Communications Minister, and Senator; wanted to kill Radio Australia a few years ago

*R. Sarandi Sport, Montevideo, Uruguay, 6042.5, heard after dark until 2305, in Portugal

*MW harmonic from Argentina on 2760 is AM 1380, La Voz, but location unknown; heard in Uruguay

*Second edition of Brazilian MW list, free pdf download via <http://www.ondascurtas.com>

*Peruvian conditions improving in North America; 4485.6, R. Frecuencia [VH], Celendin as late as 1100

*Peruvian reactivations heard in Quito: R. Onda Imperial, Cusco, on 5055.19 at 0135; <http://www.ondaimperial.pe.nu>

*R. Panorama, Recopampa, Peru 5459.00, also reactivated

*R. Oriental, Tena, Ecuador, heard in USA on 4781.32 at 1010; and on 4781.33 until 1105, blasting into Florida, too close to new Bolivian, R. Tacana, which fades out earlier

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*Report of La Voz de Yopal, Colombia, on 5040 could have been similar-sounding La Voz del Upano, Ecuador; check around 1000-1100

*Get Latin Americans while you can: HRMI, Honduras, disappeared from 3340 but plans to reactivate 5010 and 5890 as well, reports wanted, and QSLs in stock; missing from all when checked Sept. 13-14-15

*XERTA, 4810, Mexico City, also disappeared by Sept. 24 after being widely heard for a week; seems old transmitter repaired, not new one

*Another Cuban MW harmonic, on 2140 = 2 x 1070, Radio Trinchera Antimperialista, Guantanamo, ID at 0900

*MW DX test season underway in North America, with Sat Oct 4, 0400-0500 UT, WJTO, 730, Bath, Maine

*Oldest ham in US getting publicity, W5BQU, Byrl H. Burdick, Sr., [El Paso TX]; ``Tex`` was 103 on Sept 25, daily on 21314 +/- SSB

*David Brudnoy, WBZ Boston talk host, evenings 7-10 pm ET survived AIDS but now has a rare form of cancer

*Bernard H. Kamenske, former VOA chief news editor, fought for objective reporting, later with CNN, died at 75

*Bob Bodell, DX editor in Oregon has died; was friend and mentor of Bruce MacGibbon, both edited SPEEDXGRAM

*WJIE back on air, 13595, but ID reverted to WJCR; reports wanted to wjcirs@ yahoo.com Doc Burkhardt no longer with station and Morgan Freeman is trying to improve quality with new STL and remote control

*Reflections Europe, Irish pirate, transmitter and antenna details: 3910, 500 watts, full wave dipole and reflector; 6295, sesqui-wavelength colinear; 12255, 200 watts, 4-element directional east

*R. France International, English at 1400 excellent here on 17515

*RFI heard on 25820 until 1256 in French; English at 1200-1230

*Spain's 11890 transmitter puts out eight spurs at 90 kHz intervals at 0500-0655 on: 12250, 12160, 12070, 11980, 11800, 11710, 11620, 11530

*IRRS Italy says it's testing 100 kW on 5775, Friday Oct 3, at 2000-2100 following 20 kW at 1900-2000, reports wanted. Regular 100 kW broadcasts to start Oct 10. Dario Monferini, also in Milano, thinks in reality this is via Deutsche Telekom. We wish IRRS would confirm or deny such reports, and tell us where their transmitter site is

*Laser Radio UK, tested Latvia 100 kW on 9290, Sat Sept 20 1800-2200 with programming from Radio Seagull, Holland. Plans to begin regular Saturday relays at 1000[-1500] UT October 4

*Radio Natalie, pirate celebrates 7th anniversary Oct. 5, plans to broadcast Oct 3-7 after 2000 on 3916, daytime on 7473. via Power41,

pirate in Ytterby, Sweden with 1000 watts; wants \$, IRC or Euros for QSL, pennants; also via R. Europe, Italy, 7306, thruout October.

Natalie is not in Russia but Estonia

*V. of Russia series ``Bless the Lord, O My Soul`` is concluding, about Russian church music, with Karamanov's ``It Is Finished`` symphony, Thu 1631, 1831, Fri 0331 from Oct. 10

*If power companies have their way, broadband over powerlines will ruin radio reception. They have important ally, FCCCommissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy who views it as 'nirvana'. ARRL and others are fighting it; see last few issues of DXLD at the end under Powerline Communications

*BBC just published a scientific study of BPL and radio reception, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/rd/pubs/whp/whp-pdf-files/WHP067.pdf>

*Propagation outlook from Boulder, Sept 30: flux range 125-95-135

*And with that, we arrive at the conclusion of yet another weekly media review with Glenn Hauser, known as World of Radio 1201 ####